

Comprehensive Plan

II. Comprehensive Planning



What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- A Comprehensive Plan carries out the City's future Vision.
- It sets goals, policies and direction in a comprehensive manner and sets a clear image of the values the city as a governing body wants to achieve.
- It functions as a framework for achieving the city's goals that are consistent with the city's chosen direction.
- It provides a touchstone to guide daily, weekly and monthly decision making.
- It looks at the city as a whole to help make coordinated plans and avoid future conflicts.

Why Are We Updating the Plan?

State laws require that all governmental entities in the metro area update their Comprehensive Plans at least once every 10 years. The plans are reviewed and aggregated by the Metropolitan Council in order to plan on a region-wide basis. The Metropolitan Council works with communities on several aspects of planning in order to determine if development can occur in various locations. It coordinates planning in order to have an efficient development pattern.

What Does a Comprehensive Plan Include?

A Comprehensive Plan includes policy and topical areas that set forth the future direction of the city. Certain subjects are required by State law to be addressed, including land use, transportation, housing, surface water management, public facilities, and capital improvements.

St. Louis Park's plan includes the additional special areas of Economic Development, Public Safety, Livable Communities and Plan by Neighborhood.

Planning Process and Community Involvement

Approximately 140 neighbors and business owners participated in community meetings in the spring of 2009 to learn about the city's plans and identify important local issues to be examined in the future. In addition, the city's Planning Commission and City Council held several meetings to discuss elements of the plan and provide policy direction for the future.